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**An Azov fighter was convicted in absentia for ordering the shelling of a village in the DPR from a cannon and howitzer.**

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The court gave 29 years to an Azov fighter for ordering to shell a village in the DPR from a cannon and howitzer.

The Supreme Court of the Donetsk People's Republic (DPR) sentenced in absentia to 29 years in a maximum security colony a fighter of the Ukrainian paramilitary nationalist association "Azov" (a terrorist organization banned in Russia) Maxim Yukhimchuk (Максим Юхимчук) for ordering the shelling of residential buildings with a howitzer and a cannon. The Main Military Prosecutor's Office reported this to Lenta.ru. He was found guilty under articles of attempted murder of two or more persons, committed by an organized group in a generally dangerous manner motivated by hatred and enmity, the use of prohibited means and methods in an armed conflict, as well as the intentional damage to someone else's property by explosion, causing significant damage.

It was established that, on the orders of Yukhimchuk, from February 25 to March 17, 2022, the residential area of the village of Lebedinskoye in the DPR was shelled with a 122-mm howitzer and a 100-mm field gun. As a result, four houses were damaged, and their owners suffered material damage in the amount of 2.3 million rubles. At the time of shelling, the civilians were in shelters and were not injured.

Earlier, the same court issued a verdict against Azov gunner Alexei Bura (Алексей Бура), who fired at three residents of Mariupol.